

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

### 1.1 Product identifier

**Product name** PRIMARY LI-SO<sub>2</sub> SINGLE CELLS AND MULTI-CELL BATTERY PACKS  
**Synonym(s)** 37260228 - PRODUCT CODE • LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES • LITHIUM SULPHUR DIOXIDE PRIMARY UNIT CELLS AND MULTI CELL BATTERY SYSTEMS COMPOSED OF THESE CELLS. • NSN: 6130-66-123-8091

### 1.2 Uses and uses advised against

**Use(s)** AVIATION APPLICATIONS • BATTERIES

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

**Supplier name** DEFENCE CAPABILITY ACQUISITION AND SUSTAINMENT GROUP  
**Address** Brindabella Park, ACT, Australia, 2600  
**Telephone** 02 6266 7054 (0800 - 1700 Mon-Fri)  
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**Website** Not supplied

### 1.4 Emergency telephone number(s)

**Emergency** 13 11 26 (24 hours)

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

### 2.2 Label elements

No signal word, pictograms, hazard or precautionary statements have been allocated.

### 2.3 Other Hazards

The Li-SO<sub>2</sub> batteries described in this Battery Information Sheet are sealed units which are not hazardous under normal operating conditions in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, as stated in the user's manual or other similar documentation. Under normal use, the battery integrity is maintained and the active components it contains are isolated from the outside.

In particular, the battery should not be submitted to any mechanical (opening, puncture, immersion), thermal (burning, heating to temperatures above the normal temperature range of the product) or electrical abuse (short-circuit, recharge, forced discharge), which will lead to the activation of safety valves and/or the rupture of the battery container.

Any accidental release of the inner components of the cell, or their combustion products could be highly hazardous. Battery content exposition to air humidity/liquid water may be followed by severe battery vent/explosion/fire, depending on the hazard causes and circumstances.

#### Protection from charging:

Whenever lithium batteries are not the single power source in a circuit, the following measures recommended by Underwriters Laboratories are relevant. The cells should not be connected in series with an electrical power source that would increase the load through the cells. The electronic circuit shall include one of the following:

A. Two suitable diodes or the equivalent in series with the cells to prevent any reverse (charging) current. The second diode is used to provide protection in the event that one would fail. Quality control, or equivalent procedures, shall be established by the device manufacturer to check that the diode polarity is correct for each unit; or

B. A blocking diode or the equivalent to prevent any reverse (charging) current and a resistor to limit current in case of diode failure. The resistor should be sized to limit the reverse (charging) current to the maximum value according to the data sheet of the cell.

## 3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### 3.1 Substances / Mixtures

| Ingredient      | CAS number | EC number | Content |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|---------|
| SULPHUR DIOXIDE | 7446-09-5  | 231-195-2 | <30%    |
| ACETONITRILE    | 75-05-8    | 200-835-2 | <9%     |

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| Ingredient                | CAS number    | EC number     | Content    |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| CARBON BLACK              | 1333-86-4     | 215-609-9     | 6.5 - 7.5% |
| LITHIUM                   | 7439-93-2     | 231-102-5     | <3%        |
| LITHIUM BROMIDE           | 7550-35-8     | 231-439-8     | 2 - 2.5%   |
| NON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS | Not Available | Not Available | remainder  |

**Ingredient notes** Each unit cell consists of a hermetically sealed metallic can containing a number of chemicals and materials of construction of which the following are potentially hazardous upon release to air.

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### 4.1 Description of first aid measures

**Eye** Exposure is considered unlikely unless casing is damaged. Flush gently with running water. Seek medical attention if irritation develops.

**Inhalation** Exposure is considered unlikely. Due to product form / nature of use, an inhalation hazard is not anticipated.

**Skin** Exposure is considered unlikely unless casing is damaged. Gently flush affected areas with water. Seek medical attention if irritation develops.

**Ingestion** For advice, contact a Poison Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form.

**First aid facilities** Eye wash facilities should be available.

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Adverse effects not expected from this product. Exposure to battery contents may cause irritation and potential burns.

### 4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Treat symptomatically.

## 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### 5.1 Extinguishing media

Dry agent. Do NOT use water. Prevent contamination of drains and waterways.

### 5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Contents react with water. May explode if exposed to high temperatures due to pressure build up in battery casing. Lithium may burn in a fire situation and may be ejected from the battery. Damaged cells may evolve toxic and flammable vapours.

### 5.3 Advice for firefighters

Evacuate area and contact emergency services. Toxic gases may be evolved in a fire situation. Remain upwind and notify those downwind of hazard. Wear full protective equipment including Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) when combating fire. Use waterfog to cool intact containers and nearby storage areas.

### 5.4 Hazchem code

4W

4 Dry Agent (water MUST NOT be allowed to come into contact with substance).

W Risk of violent reaction or explosion. Wear liquid-tight chemical protective clothing and breathing apparatus. Contain spill and run-off.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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### **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in section 8 of the SDS.

### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

Prevent product from entering drains and waterways.

### **6.3 Methods of cleaning up**

If spilt, collect and reuse where possible. If battery is broken or damaged, absorb liquid with sand or similar. Contain spillage, then collect and place in suitable containers for disposal. CAUTION: Avoid exposure to contents.

### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

## **7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Lithium-Sulfur dioxide batteries are not rechargeable and should not be charged or recharged. Manufacturer's recommendations should be followed regarding maximum current and operating temperature range. Applying pressure or deforming the battery may lead to disassembly and cause eye, skin and throat irritation.

- \* Do not open the battery system.
- \* Do not crush or pierce the cells.
- \* Do not short (+) or (-) terminal with conductors.
- \* Do not reverse the polarity.
- \* Do not submit to excessive mechanical stress.
- \* Do not mix batteries of different types or mix new and old ones together.
- \* Do not use the unit without its electronic management system.
- \* Do not expose the unit to water or condensation.
- \* Do not directly heat, solder or throw into fire. Such unsuitable use can cause leakage or spout vapourised electrolyte fumes and may cause fire or explosion.

### **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Store tightly sealed in a cool, dry, well ventilated area, removed from water, incompatible substances, heat or ignition sources and foodstuffs. Ensure containers are adequately labelled, protected from physical damage and sealed when not in use. Check regularly for leaks or spills. Store below 85°C.

### **7.3 Specific end use(s)**

No information provided.

## **8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSONAL PROTECTION**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Exposure standards**

| Substance       | Reference | TWA |                   | STEL |                   |
|-----------------|-----------|-----|-------------------|------|-------------------|
|                 |           | ppm | mg/m <sup>3</sup> | ppm  | mg/m <sup>3</sup> |
| Acetonitrile    | SWA (AUS) | 40  | 67                | 60   | 101               |
| Carbon black    | SWA (AUS) | --  | 3                 | --   | --                |
| Sulphur dioxide | SWA (AUS) | 2   | 5.2               | 5    | 13                |

#### **Biological limits**

No biological limit values have been entered for this product.

### **8.2 Exposure controls**

**Engineering Controls** Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Maintain vapour levels below the recommended exposure standard.

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**PPE**

|             |                            |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| Eye/Face    | No PPE specified.          |
| Hand        | Wear PVC or rubber gloves. |
| Body        | No PPE specified.          |
| Respiratory | No PPE specified.          |

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**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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**9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

|                           |                                      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Appearance                | CYLINDRICAL BATTERY CASE             |
| Odour                     | ODOURLESS (PUNGENT ODOUR IF LEAKING) |
| Odour Threshold           | NOT AVAILABLE                        |
| pH                        | NOT AVAILABLE                        |
| Melting Point             | NOT AVAILABLE                        |
| Boiling Point             | NOT AVAILABLE                        |
| Flash Point               | NOT RELEVANT                         |
| Evaporation Rate          | NOT AVAILABLE                        |
| Flammability              | NON FLAMMABLE                        |
| Upper Explosion Limit     | NOT RELEVANT                         |
| Lower Explosion Limit     | NOT RELEVANT                         |
| Vapour Pressure           | NOT AVAILABLE                        |
| Vapour Density            | NOT AVAILABLE                        |
| Solubility (water)        | NOT AVAILABLE                        |
| Partition Coefficient     | NOT AVAILABLE                        |
| Autoignition Temperature  | NOT AVAILABLE                        |
| Decomposition Temperature | NOT AVAILABLE                        |
| Viscosity                 | NOT AVAILABLE                        |
| Explosive Properties      | NOT AVAILABLE                        |
| Oxidising Properties      | NOT AVAILABLE                        |
| Specific Gravity          | > 1                                  |

**9.2 Other information**

No information provided.

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**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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**10.1 Reactivity**

Carefully review all information in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

**10.2 Chemical stability**

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

**10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Polymerization will not occur.

**10.4 Conditions to avoid**

Heat above 70°C or incinerate. Deform. Mutilate. Crush. Pierce. Disassemble. Recharge. Short circuit. Expose over a long period to humid conditions.

**10.5 Incompatible materials**

Battery contents are incompatible with water (evolving flammable gas), oxidising agents (e.g. hypochlorites), acids (e.g. nitric acid), alkalis (e.g. sodium hydroxide), heat and ignition sources.

**10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

May evolve hydrogen and lithium oxides when heated to decomposition.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

**Health Hazard** No information provided.

#### Summary

No information provided.

No information provided.

No information provided.

No information provided.

SULPHUR DIOXIDE (7446-09-5)

LC50 (Inhalation): 2520 ppm/1 hour (rat)

LCLo (Inhalation): 1000 ppm/10 minutes (human)

TCLo (Inhalation): 3 ppm/5 days (human)

ACETONITRILE (75-05-8)

LC50 (Inhalation): 3587 ppm/4 hrs (mice)

LD50 (Ingestion): 617 mg/kg (mice)

LD50 (Skin): > 2000 mg/kg (rabbit)

LDLo (Subcutaneous): 105 mg/kg (rabbit)

TCLo (Inhalation): 160 ppm/4 hrs (man)

TDLo (Ingestion): 64 mg/kg (man)

CARBON BLACK (1333-86-4)

LD50 (Ingestion): > 8000 mg/kg (rat)

LITHIUM (7439-93-2)

LD50 (Intraperitoneal): 1 g/kg (mouse)

LITHIUM BROMIDE (7550-35-8)

LD50 (Ingestion): 1800 mg/kg (rat)

LD50 (Intraperitoneal): 580 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (guinea pig)

LD50 (Subcutaneous): 1680 mg/kg (mouse)

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 12.1 Toxicity

This product may be hazardous to the environment.

### 12.2 Persistence and degradability

This product is not readily biodegradable.

### 12.3 Bioaccumulative potential

Limited information was available at the time of this review.

### 12.4 Mobility in soil

This product has low mobility in soil.

### 12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment

No information provided.

### 12.6 Other adverse effects

No information provided.

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CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE



|  | Land Transport<br>(ADG)                                     | Sea Transport<br>(IMDG/IMO) | Air Transport<br>(IATA/ICAO) |
|--|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>14.1 UN number</b>                    | 3090  | 3090                        | 3090                         |
| <b>14.2 UN proper shipping name</b>      | LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES (including lithium alloy batteries) |                             |                              |
| <b>14.3 Transport hazard classes</b>     |   |                             |                              |
| <b>DG Class</b>                          | 9   | 9                           | 9                            |
| <b>Subsidiary risk(s)</b>                | None Allocated  | -                           | -                            |
| <b>14.4 Packing group</b>                | II  | II                          | II                           |
| <b>14.5 Environmental hazards</b>        |   | None Allocated              |                              |
| <b>14.6 Special precautions for user</b> |   |                             |                              |
| <b>Hazchem Code</b>                      | 4W  |                             |                              |
| <b>EMS</b>                               |   | F-A, S-I                    |                              |

**Other information** 3090 - LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES: Shipment of cells and batteries in bulk.  
 3091 - LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES CONTAINED IN EQUIPMENT or LITHIUM METAL BATTERIES PACKED WITH EQUIPMENT: Cells and batteries contained in equipment or packed with it.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION****15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture****Poison schedule** A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).**Classifications** None allocated**Risk phrases** None allocated**Safety phrases** None allocated**Inventory listing(s)** **AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)**  
All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt.**15.2 Chemical safety assessment**

No information provided.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION****Additional information** This 'Defence Converted' Safety Data Sheet (SDS) was prepared based on the information from the original 'Manufacturer's' SDS. Defence Converted SDSs are for Defence use or undertakings only. Defence is not a distributor or retail supplier of this product.  
Original Supplier:

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**EXPOSURE STANDARDS - TIME WEIGHTED AVERAGES:** Exposure standards are established on the premise of an 8 hour work period of normal intensity, under normal climatic conditions and where a 16 hour break between shifts exists to enable the body to eliminate absorbed contaminants. In the following circumstances, exposure standards must be reduced: Strenuous work conditions; hot, humid climates; high altitude conditions; extended shifts (which increase the exposure period and shorten the period of recuperation).

**WORKPLACE CONTROLS AND PRACTICES:** Unless a less toxic chemical can be substituted for a hazardous substance, **ENGINEERING CONTROLS** are the most effective way of reducing exposure. The best protection is to enclose operations and/or provide local exhaust ventilation at the site of chemical release. Isolating operations can also reduce exposure. Using respirators or protective equipment is less effective than the controls mentioned above, but is sometimes necessary.

**HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE:**

It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare a ChemAlert report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:**

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

**Abbreviations**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| ACGIH             | American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists                                       |
| CAS #             | Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds                 |
| CNS               | Central Nervous System  |
| EC No.            | EC No - European Community Number   |
| EMS               | Emergency Schedules (Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods)                   |
| GHS               | Globally Harmonized System  |
| GTEPG             | Group Text Emergency Procedure Guide  |
| IARC              | International Agency for Research on Cancer   |
| LC50              | Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration   |
| LD50              | Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose   |
| mg/m <sup>3</sup> | Milligrams per Cubic Metre  |
| OEL               | Occupational Exposure Limit   |
| pH                | relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline). |
| ppm               | Parts Per Million   |
| STEL              | Short-Term Exposure Limit   |
| STOT-RE           | Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)  |
| STOT-SE           | Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)  |
| SUSMP             | Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons                                    |
| SWA               | Safe Work Australia   |
| TLV               | Threshold Limit Value   |
| TWA               | Time Weighted Average   |

**Report Status**

This ChemAlert report has been independently compiled by RMT's scientific department utilising the original Safety Data Sheet ('SDS') for the product provided to RMT by the manufacturer. The information is based on

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the latest chemical and toxicological research and is believed to represent the current state of knowledge as to the appropriate safety and handling precautions for the product at the time of issue. It is an independent collation by RMT of information obtained from the original SDS for this product. Its content has not been authorised or verified by the manufacturer / distributor of the chemical to which it relates.

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